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For: **ASSEMBLY FOR RETAINING A LOUVER OF A VERTICAL BLIND ASSEMBLY IN AN OPERATIVE POSITION**

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X 9 sheet(s) of drawings.  
X Request and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i) Form  
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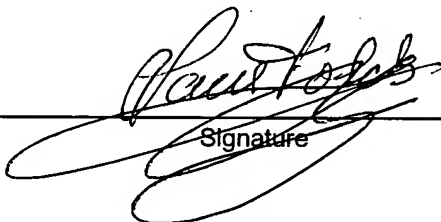
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